

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY-PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY-PARISH OF LAFAYETTE, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 18, 2003.

ATTENDANCE

COUNCIL: Jerry Trumps (Chair - District 6), Robert Castille (Vice Chair - District 2), Bobby Badeaux (District 1), Chris Williams (District 3), Louis C. Benjamin, Jr. (District 4), Lenwood Broussard (District 5), Marc Mouton (District 7), Rob Stevenson (District 8), Randy Menard (District 9)

ABSENT: None

COUNCIL STAFF: Norma Dugas (Clerk of the Council), Veronica Williams (Assistant Clerk of the Council) and Anne Patin (Senior Administrative Assistant)

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF: Walter S. Comeaux, Jr. (City-Parish President), Glenn Weber (CAO), Becky LaLumia (Associate CAO/Finance Management), Benny Soulier (Director of Administrative Services), Chief Ronald Boudreaux (Police Department), Robert Benoit (Director of Planning, Zoning and Codes), John Raines (Public Works Director), Steve Dupuis (Legal Counsel), Tony Tramel (Director of Transportation)

COMMENCEMENT

(TAPE 1)(SIDE A)(009) AGENDA ITEM NO. 1: Call to order.

Chair Jerry Trumps called the Regular Council Meeting of February 18, 2003 to order.

(TAPE 1)(SIDE A)(009) AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilmember Marc Mouton was called upon to deliver the invocation and lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Chair then recognized Boy Scout Troop 162 from St. Edmond's Church along with Troop Leader Richard Dugas. Each member was allowed to introduce themselves to the Council and was given a Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government pin.

The Lafayette Parish Assessor, Conrad Comeaux, was also recognized.

(TAPE 1)(SIDE A)(039) AGENDA ITEM NO. 3: EXECUTIVE/PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Chief Ronnie Boudreaux and James Martarona, President of the Central Safety Committee, presented the Paul Benoit Award to Officer Orin Haydell. Haydell was given this award for pulling a passenger out of a burning vehicle.

(TAPE 1)(SIDE A)() AGENDA ITEM NO. 4: COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Councilmember Benjamin presented a "Distinguished Citizen Award" to Mr. Leo Paul Caillier.
- Councilmember Williams sent condolences to the Foote family for the passing of Mr. Joel Foote, stated he attended a meeting of the Louisiana Association of Non-profit Organizations regarding the benefits of non-profit organizations to Lafayette Parish and the State of Louisiana, announced the closing of three (3) crack houses in the City of Lafayette and that will affect all Council Districts as more houses are closed throughout the Parish and sent condolences to Jeff and Lou Anna Angelle on the death of their son.

RESOLUTIONS

(TAPE 1)(SIDE A)(255) AGENDA ITEM NO. 5: R-006-2003 A resolution of the Lafayette City-Parish Council suspending the rules of R-009-96, No. 4 - New Boards, Commissions and/or Local Agencies, e) qualification, motion to adopt by Williams, seconded by Badeaux, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Badeaux, Williams, Benjamin, Mouton

NAYS: Castille, Broussard, Trumps, Stevenson, Menard

ABSENT: None

RECUSED: None
Motion failed.

Williams explained he had an individual interested in accepting the position on the Recreation Commission but did not fulfill one of the requirements. She was not a registered voter because she is 16 years old. This resolution would allow for the suspension of the rules in order to appoint her to represent District 3.

(TAPE 1)(SIDE A)(285) AGENDA ITEM NO. 6: R-007-2003 A resolution of the Lafayette City-Parish Council authorizing the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government to participate as a party plaintiff by joining with the Louisiana Municipal Association in the filing of a lawsuit against the State of Louisiana and the Board of Trustees of the Firefighters' Retirement System to contest increases in the employers' contribution to the Firefighters' Retirement System; said increases in the employers' contribution will increase the contribution rate from 9% to 18 1/4% beginning January 20, 2003 and to 25% beginning July 1, 2003; and providing for related matters, motion to adopt by Menard, seconded by Castille, and the vote was as follows:
YEAS: Badeaux, Castille, Williams, Benjamin, Broussard, Trumps, Mouton, Stevenson, Menard
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
RECUSED: None
Motion was unanimously approved.

Dupuis explained the suit has been filed by the Louisiana Municipal Association and was filed on behalf of the Association and a number of its members. The Louisiana Municipal Association has hired the Kean Miller Law Firm out of Baton Rouge, LA.

Stevenson then noted publicly that the Council's support of this lawsuit in no way means the Council does not support the Firefighters Retirement System.

Upon questioning by Benjamin, Dupuis explained that this resolution would allow for LCG to be named as an additional party plaintiff in the lawsuit, along with 37 other municipalities, to challenge the employer contribution to the system and the way the Firefighter's retirement system was managed. He added that the local fiscal impact from this increase would be \$1,200,000 a year.

(TAPE 1)(SIDE A)(397) AGENDA ITEM NO. 7: R-008-2003 A resolution of the Lafayette City-Parish Council supporting the restoration of local government authority concerning protection from secondhand tobacco smoke, motion to adopt by Mouton, seconded by Menard, and the vote was as follows:
YEAS: Badeaux, Castille, Williams, Benjamin, Broussard, Trumps, Mouton, Stevenson, Menard
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
RECUSED: None
Motion was unanimously approved.

Mouton recognized the following individuals with the American Cancer Society: Martha Moore, Legislative Director; Tisha McKinney, Amber Lemann and Alison Leon. Also, Dr. Mitchell Lirtzman and Dr. Luis Mesa. All were in support of this resolution.

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL ADOPTION

(TAPE 1)(SIDE A)(521) AGENDA ITEM NO. 8: O-031-2003 An ordinance of the Lafayette City-Parish Council authorizing a \$7,000 funding to the Lafayette Fire Protection Association to hire a consultant to assist it with the upcoming public fire protection survey to be performed by Property Insurance Association of Louisiana, motion to adopt by Broussard, seconded by Menard, and the vote was as follows:
YEAS: Badeaux, Castille, Williams, Benjamin, Broussard, Trumps, Stevenson, Menard
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Mouton
RECUSED: None
Motion was unanimously approved.

(TAPE 1)(SIDE A)(537) AGENDA ITEM NO. 9: O-033-2003 An ordinance of the Lafayette City-Parish Council amending the FY 02/03 Operating Budget of the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government by authorizing the Administration to increase supervisors salaries in

accordance with Civil Service Rule IV, Section 13 “Supervisor Pay Differential” within the Department of Public Works. *Item was deferred.*

(TAPE 1)(SIDE A)(537) AGENDA ITEM NO. 10: O-034-2003 An ordinance of the Lafayette City-Parish Council authorizing the Lafayette City-Parish President to amend a lease with the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center to provide for the VA Community Based Outpatient Clinic to remain in the transition clinic space for an additional 120 calendar days, motion to adopt by Menard, seconded by Stevenson, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Badeaux, Castille, Williams, Benjamin, Broussard, Trumps, Stevenson, Menard

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mouton

RECUSED: None

Motion was unanimously approved.

(TAPE 1)(SIDE A)(555) AGENDA ITEM NO. 11: O-035-2003 An ordinance of the Lafayette City-Parish Council authorizing and directing the Lafayette City-Parish President to execute an amendment to the agreement with the United States Postal Service for the lease of space at 103 East Cypress Street for the exclusive use as a Post Office, motion to adopt by Williams, seconded by Castille, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Badeaux, Castille, Williams, Benjamin, Broussard, Trumps, Stevenson, Menard

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mouton

RECUSED: None

Motion was unanimously approved.

(TAPE 1)(SIDE A)(574) AGENDA ITEM NO. 12: O-036-2003 An ordinance of the Lafayette City-Parish Council amending the FY 02/03 Operating Budget of the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government to recognize a \$2,000.00 donation from Lafayette General Medical Center and assigning the funds received to the proper budgetary accounts within the Department of Community Development, motion to adopt by Stevenson, seconded by Castille, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Badeaux, Castille, Williams, Benjamin, Broussard, Trumps, Mouton, Stevenson, Menard

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

RECUSED: None

Motion was unanimously approved.

(TAPE 1)(SIDE A)(591) AGENDA ITEM NO. 13: O-037-2003 An ordinance of the Lafayette City-Parish Council authorizing the Lafayette City-Parish President to execute an Act of Donation in order to receive property donated by Gwendolyn Theresa Sam Harmon, Conrad Ignatius Harmon and Corey RaJohn Harmon for use by the Community Development Department, motion to adopt by Menard, seconded by Castille, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Badeaux, Castille, Williams, Benjamin, Broussard, Trumps, Mouton, Stevenson, Menard

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

RECUSED: None

Motion was unanimously approved.

Roger Drake, Housing Manager, explained that this is to serve the rehabilitation program. When a house is being fixed the family is moved out temporarily to protect the occupants. The temporary facility is located at 13th Street and Magnolia.

(TAPE 1)(SIDE A)(634) AGENDA ITEM NO. 14: O-038-2003 An ordinance of the Lafayette City-Parish Council amending the FY 02/03 Operating Budget of the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government to increase revenues and appropriations in the Environmental Quality Fund to provide \$355,754 for reimbursement of General Fund advances for the local share of Hurricane Lili debris removal costs; \$185,000 for household hazardous waste collection and disposal; \$19,886 for the employment of one (1) Engineering Aide III in the Regulatory Compliance Section of the Environmental Quality Division of the Department of Public Works, including amending the manning tables to include the above mentioned position; and establishing a residential rate of \$3.46 per residential unit per month for operation of the Environmental Quality Division. *Item was deferred.*

(TAPE 1)(SIDE A)(634) AGENDA ITEM NO. 15: O-039-2003 An ordinance of the Lafayette City-Parish Council authorizing the Lafayette City-Parish President to enter into a joint

cooperative endeavor agreement with the Acadiana Arts Council to provide pickup and storage of the statue of “Ms. Rose’s Bar”, motion to adopt as amended (amendment being to delete from the fifth Whereas “*in front of their office at the intersection of Lee and Main*” and in Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved “*on City property at the intersection of Lee and Main*) by Williams, seconded by Benjamin, and the vote was as follows:
YEAS: Badeaux, Castille, Williams, Benjamin, Broussard, Trumps, Mouton, Stevenson, Menard
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
RECUSED: None
Motion was unanimously approved.

Williams offered the following amendment: to delete from the fifth Whereas “*in front of their office at the intersection of Lee and Main*” and in Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved “*on City property at the intersection of Lee and Main*. He explained that the original intention was to place the statue in front of the Arts Council building, but after much discussion felt it would be more suitable in a part of the community that it represents.

Naomi Celestine, representing the Arts Council, stated that a permanent place for the statue has not been decided as yet. This piece was commissioned for the 1984 Worlds Fair and Al Lavergne is the artist and a native of Acadiana. The Arts Council is requesting that LCG move the piece to a sandblasting facility and then to storage at Public Works until the artist can refurbish it.

Broussard questioned the use of public equipment. Dupuis noted that is the reason he asked for an ordinance and an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Arts Council.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF VACANCY ON BOARDS/COMMISSIONS

(TAPE 1)(SIDE B)(012) AGENDA ITEM NO. 16: Due to a resignation, a vacancy will exist on the Lafayette Convention & Visitors Commission to fill an unexpired term until September 2, 2005.

Individuals wishing to submit a resume for the above volunteer vacancy must be a registered voter and reside in the rural area of Lafayette Parish. Resumes are to be forwarded to Norma A. Dugas, Clerk of the Council, P.O. Box 4017-C, Lafayette, LA 70502 no later than noon, Monday, March 3 with Council appointments to be made on March 5, 2003.

CONSIDER APPOINTMENTS BY THE COUNCIL, AS A WHOLE, TO FOLLOWING BOARDS/COMMISSIONS

(TAPE 1)(SIDE B)(019) AGENDA ITEM NO. 17: Appointment(s) by Council member(s) and/or City-Parish President and/or Area Mayors, and/or any other direct appointing authority.

<u>Appointing Authority</u>	<u>Appointee Name And Address</u>	<u>Board, Commission And/or Legal Agency</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Council District 6	Blue Rolfes 309 Aundria Lafayette, LA 70503	Lafayette Animal Control Center Advisory Board	4 years	3/9/2003

INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES

(TAPE 1)(SIDE B)(023) AGENDA ITEM NO. 18 - 28: A motion was offered by Menard, seconded by Mouton, to introduce the following introductory ordinances in-globo, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Badeaux, Castille, Williams, Benjamin, Broussard, Trumps, Mouton, Stevenson, Menard
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
RECUSED: None
Motion was unanimously approved.

18. 0-040-2003 An ordinance of the Lafayette City-Parish Council requiring that all street vendors in Lafayette post a sign on vendor carts indicating a price schedule. (Chris Williams)
19. 0-041-2003 An ordinance of the Lafayette City-Parish Council amending the FY 02/03 Operating Budget of the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government by transferring \$40,000 from Council Reserve to the Office of Substance Abuse, CAO=s office to cover

the cost of removal and disposal of junked vehicles. (Chris Williams)

20. O-042-2003 An ordinance of the Lafayette City-Parish Council authorizing the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government to sell one (1) computer voice stress analyzer (CVSA) laptop computer which is no longer needed for public purposes in order to upgrade the system, to the National Institute for Verification, for a total bid price of \$7,445.00, as per the attached quote. (Glenn Weber & Finance)
21. O-043-2003 An ordinance of the Lafayette City-Parish Council advancing funds for the purchase of necessary furniture and equipment for the Assessor, directing the Administration to make such purchases and then bill and obtain reimbursement from all taxing entities within Lafayette Parish for their prorata share of the overall costs of said purchase, appropriating funds from the City and Parish funds for the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government to make such purchases including its prorata share thereof, and anticipating reimbursement from all taxing entities within Lafayette Parish for their prorata share of the overall costs of said purchases. (Glenn Weber & Assessor)
22. O-044-2003 An ordinance of the Lafayette City-Parish Council amending FY 02/03 Operating Budget of the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government authorizing the increase in revenues in the amount of \$264,618 received from the State of Louisiana, Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Office of Justice Domestic Preparedness Equipment Grant and appropriating within the Lafayette Fire Department and authorizing the Lafayette City-Parish President to execute this Subgrant Agreement for Equipment for Louisiana Strategy. (Glenn Weber & Fire)
23. O-045-2003 An ordinance of the Lafayette City-Parish Council authorizing the Lafayette City-Parish President to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Lafayette Housing Authority to provide funding for the provision of transit services for residents of units supervised by the Lafayette Housing Authority. (Glenn Weber & Traffic & Transportation)
24. O-046-2003 An ordinance of the Lafayette City-Parish Council amending the FY 02/03 Operating Budget of the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government by authorizing the transfer of funding for one (1) Business Development Specialist within the Community Development Department. (Glenn Weber & Community Development)
25. O-047-2003 An ordinance of the Lafayette City-Parish Council amending the FY 02/03 Operating Budget of the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government by authorizing an amendment to Ordinance No. O-149-2001, to transfer \$6,500 within the Community Development Department from Housing Rehabilitation to Sterling Grove Housing Development, Inc. (Glenn Weber & Community Development)
26. O-048-2003 An ordinance of the Lafayette City-Parish Council amending the FY 02/03 Operating Budget of the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government by authorizing an amendment to Ordinance No. O-317-2001, as amended by Ordinance No. O-122-2002, to provide additional HOME CHDO funds and HOME match funds to Seventh District Pavilion, Inc. (Glenn Weber & Community Development)
27. O-049-2003 An ordinance of the Lafayette City-Parish Council declaring the building or structure located at Municipal Address, 940 St. Charles Street, Lafayette, Louisiana, owned by Vallage Montgomery & Rose Sinegal, c/o Gerald J. Block, Attorney Appointed, to be dilapidated and dangerous to the public welfare and ordering the condemnation of same. (Glenn Weber & Community Development)
28. O-050-2003 An ordinance of the Lafayette City-Parish Council amending the FY 02/03 Multi-Year Capital Improvement Program Budget of the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government to provide for a FY 02/03 Library bond sale and capital expenditures and to advance up to \$2,500,000 for engineering, architectural, site acquisition, construction, and other costs of the branch expansion projects and declaring the official intent of the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government to expend Library Fund revenues for purposes for which the bonds of the Parish are anticipated to be issued and to later reimburse such expenditures for sale proceeds. (Glenn Weber & Library)

(TAPE 1)(SIDE B)(088) AGENDA ITEM NO. 29: Comments from the public concerning the above Introductory Ordinances.

No comments

ADJOURN

(TAPE 1)(SIDE B)(093) There being no further business to come before the Council, Chair Trumps declared the Regular Meeting adjourned.

NORMA A. DUGAS, CLERK
LAFAYETTE CITY-PARISH COUNCIL